

P-430, 421/CP-91-35 ORDER CERTIFYING POLLING RESULTS, DENYING
PETITION AND CLOSING DOCKET

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
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In the Matter of a Petition for
Extended Area Service From
Plainview to Rochester

ISSUE DATE: May 5, 1993

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 3, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING TRAFFIC STUDIES, COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES in this matter.

On March 19, 1992, U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC) and United Telephone Company (United) filed their cost studies and proposed rates.

On August 25, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER ADOPTING RATES FOR POLLING. In that Order, the Commission adopted extended area service (EAS) rates for Plainview and Rochester and directed United to cooperate fully with Commission Staff and Commission contractors to expedite the polling of Plainview subscribers.

On April 20, 1993, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Between February 12, 1993 and April 12, 1993, subscribers in the Plainview exchange were polled to determine whether they supported the EAS routes proposed in this matter. The Commission finds that the polling was properly conducted and recorded. No party alleged irregularities in the process or contested the results.

Approximately 68 percent of the subscribers in the Plainview exchange participated in the polling process. Of the 1,251 Plainview subscribers voting on the EAS proposed between Plainview and Rochester, 591 (47.2 percent) voted in favor and 660 (52.8 percent) voted against. Based on these results, the Commission finds that the proposed Plainview-Rochester route does not have adequate subscriber support, as required by Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 1 (2) (1992), to mandate the installation of EAS. Accordingly, the Commission will simply certify the polling results, deny the petition, and close the docket.

The Plainview subscribers should receive official notification of the results of the polling. The Commission will require United, the telephone company serving the petitioning Plainview exchange, to notify its subscribers of the polling results.

ORDER

1. The Commission hereby certifies the polling results set forth in the text of this Order.
2. The petition for EAS between the Plainview and Rochester exchanges is denied.
3. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, United Telephone Company, the telephone company serving the petitioning Plainview exchange, shall submit to Commission Staff a proposed bill-insert type notice of polling results. After receiving Commission Staff approval, United shall distribute the bill insert notice to all its subscribers in the Plainview exchange in the earliest possible billing cycle.
4. Within 30 days after notice has been given to all its subscribers in the Plainview exchange, United shall notify Commission Staff in writing of that fact and the docket will be closed.
5. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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